

# SB2648



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

**SB2648**

Introduced 2/8/2018, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.80c

Amends the School Code. Provides that the Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2021 (rather than January 1, 2019). Removes a provision providing that the Task Force is dissolved upon filing the report. Provides that the provision governing the Task Force is repealed on February 1, 2021 (rather than February 1, 2019). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.80c as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.80c)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on February 1, 2019)

8 Sec. 2-3.80c. Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that agriculture is the  
10 most basic and singularly important industry in the State, that  
11 agriculture is of central importance to the welfare and  
12 economic stability of the State, and that the maintenance of  
13 this vital industry requires a continued source of trained and  
14 qualified agriculture educators to train future generations of  
15 agriculturalists.

16 In 2016, to respond to the ongoing teacher shortage in  
17 agriculture education in Illinois, the General Assembly passed  
18 Public Act 99-826, which deemed agriculture education as an  
19 area of critical need in Illinois.

20 (b) There is created the Agriculture Education Shortage  
21 Task Force consisting of the following members:

22 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
23 of the Senate;

1           (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
2 Leader of the Senate;

3           (3) one member of the House of Representatives  
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5           (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
6 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
7 Representatives; and

8           (5) the following members, who shall be appointed by  
9 the State Superintendent of Education within 30 days after  
10 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th  
11 General Assembly:

12           (A) one representative of the State Board of  
13 Education;

14           (B) one member representing a statewide  
15 professional teachers' association appointed with the  
16 advice of the Committee established under subsection  
17 (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

18           (C) one member representing a different statewide  
19 professional teachers' association appointed with the  
20 advice of the Committee established under subsection  
21 (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

22           (D) one member representing a different  
23 professional teachers' association in a city having a  
24 population of over 500,000 appointed with the advice of  
25 the Committee established under subsection (d) of  
26 Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

1           (E) one member who is a community college  
2           agriculture education teacher appointed with the  
3           advice of the Committee established under subsection  
4           (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

5           (F) one member who is a university agriculture  
6           education teacher appointed with the advice of the  
7           Committee established under subsection (d) of Section  
8           2-3.80 of this Code;

9           (G) one member representing a statewide  
10          association representing superintendents;

11          (H) one member representing a statewide  
12          association representing principals;

13          (I) one member representing a statewide  
14          association representing school board members;

15          (J) one representative of a school district in a  
16          city having a population exceeding 500,000;

17          (K) one member representing an education advocacy  
18          group that works with parents; and

19          (L) one representative of an education public  
20          policy organization.

21          (c) The Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force shall  
22          first meet at the call of the State Superintendent of Education  
23          within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
24          of the 100th General Assembly, and following meetings shall be  
25          at the call of the Chairperson, who shall be elected by a  
26          majority of appointed members at the first meeting of the Task

1 Force. The State Board of Education shall provide  
2 administrative support for the Task Force.

3 (d) Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
4 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and related  
5 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

6 (e) The Task Force shall meet at least 3 times and shall  
7 review the following:

8 (1) the number of agriculture education teachers in  
9 this State and the type of license held;

10 (2) the number of graduates who have graduated from an  
11 approved agriculture education program of a public  
12 university in this State in each of the past 4 years;

13 (3) the number of agriculture education position  
14 openings at secondary education programs in this State in  
15 each of the past 4 years; and

16 (4) licensure standards, including national licensure  
17 standards, for the agricultural education endorsement on a  
18 professional educator license or an educator license with  
19 stipulations.

20 (f) The Task Force shall issue a report to the Governor and  
21 the General Assembly, which must be approved by a majority vote  
22 of appointed members and must include recommendations  
23 regarding:

24 (1) recruitment and retention of agriculture education  
25 teachers, including recommendations on funding for  
26 existing incentive programs;

1           (2) participation in federal programs that may assist  
2           in the recruitment and retention of agriculture teachers;  
3           and

4           (3) other subjects determined by the members of the  
5           Task Force.

6           (g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the  
7           Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2021  
8           ~~2019, and, upon filing its report, the Task Force is dissolved.~~

9           (h) This Section is repealed on February 1, 2021 ~~2019~~.

10          (Source: P.A. 100-118, eff. 8-15-17.)

11          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12          becoming law.